

MARCH 23, 2026
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LAKE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
406 COURT STREET
LAKE CITY, AR

A regular council meeting of the City of Lake City was brought to order by the honorable Mayor Cameron Tate. The meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The roll called and the following council members answered their names: BRENDA HUTCHESON, JASON GARNER, KASEY EAKINS, HARMONY CASH, JAKE EMERY, JAY DAVIS. The meeting continued with the above members and the city clerk Lisa Sitz present.

GUESTS: Aaron & Ashley Bupp, Lana Tate, Daniel Haynes, Chad Moody, Bryan & Kate Wells, Karen Adams, Jerry Lamar, Hunter & Chelsea Timms, Jerrod Davis, Anthony Davis, Ted Qualls, Ron Nunnally.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and second by Councilmember Emery to accept the minutes as written from the last council meeting held February 17, 2026. Motion passed (6/0).

Mayor Tate discussed the financials and liabilities of the city.

A discussion about the on-site fire billing was brought back up without any action taken.

Officer Davis updated the council about his code enforcing. He told them he was having a good response from the citizens. Several permits have been purchased for cleaning up properties and making the city look better.

Lake City Police Department has a new officer. Payton Perkins was hired to fill the officer position. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and second by Councilmember Davis to set his salary at \$40,000/ year and start date is 3/23/26. Motion passed (6/0).

The city also has a new hire for the sanitation department. Nathan Hodge will be filling this position. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and second by Councilmember Emery to set his salary at \$13.00/hr. Motion passed (6/0).

Mayor Tate discussed with the council the sidewalk federal-aid program fund to develop 4th street sidewalks. A motion by Councilmember Eakins and second by Councilmember Davis to adopt Resolution No. 2026-3-23, a resolution expressing the willingness of the city of Lake City to utilize federal-aid transportation alternatives program funds. Motion passed (6/0).

Bryan Wells, Sanitation superintendent, has resigned from the city. He had banked 60 sick days and asked the council if those days could be given to his co-workers as needed. After the discussion, a motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and second by Councilmember Garner to establish an employee sick bank to start with 60 days and can be used at the mayor's discretion. Motion passed (6/0).

Mayor Tate gives the state of the city address.

Ten certified letters were sent to property owners asking for the plan of action for their empty or run down properties. Several responded back and gave the mayor an update.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and second by Councilmember Emery to add Larry Davis to the agenda. Motion passed (6/0).

Larry Davis has taken over as the Sanitation supervisor. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and second by Councilmember Cash to raise Larry Davis's salary to \$15.00/hr. Motion passed (6/0).

City-wide yard sales are set for April 16-18

Next Council meeting is April 20, 2026, at 5:30pm

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and second by Councilmember Davis to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Cameron Tate, Mayor

Lisa Sitz, City Clerk/Treasurer